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SUMMARY: PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET FINISHED HIS CURRENT TOUR OF  
THE NORTH ON DECEMBER 22 WITH A FOUR-DAY VISIT TO THE PRE-  
FECTURE OF TOUBA. DURING THIS TRIP THE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED  
THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SUGAR COMPLEX IN BOROTOU AND VARIOUS  
PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS BENEFICIAL TO THE ENTIRE AREA. THE  
PRESIDENT APPEARED PLEASED WITH THE RESULTS, AND IN SPITE OF  
HIS INVOLVEMENT IN THE MALI-UPPER VOLTAN BORDER DISPUTE  
NEGOTIATIONS, HE WAS ABLE TO COMPLETE HIS TRIP AS SCHEDULED.  
END SUMMARY.

1. FROM DECEMBER 19 THRU DECEMBER 22, PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET  
TOURED THE BORDER PREFECTURE OF TOUBA. THIS WAS THE LAST  
LEG OF AN ELEVEN DAY VISIT TO THE NORTH. BY ALL ACCOUNTS  
THE CITIZENRY, TURNED OUT BY THE PDCI IN LARGE NUMBERS, GAVE  
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AN ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME TO THE PRESIDENT. THE FORMAT OF THE

VISIT FOLLOWED THOSE OF OTHER VISITS THIS YEAR. THE PRESIDENT WAS GREETED BY THE LOCAL VILLAGE'S MOST SUCCESSFUL CITIZEN: HE WOULD LISTEN TO THE CADRES' COMPLAINTS AND REQUESTS; AND THEN HE WOULD MAKE HIS SPEECH, PRAISING THE TOWNSPEOPLE FOR THEIR LOYALTY TO THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PARTY, CITING EXAMPLES OF THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS AND ANNOUNCING VARIOUS DEVELOPMENTAL PROJECTS.

2. MOST OF THE PRONOUNCEMENTS CONCERNED THE PAVING OF ROADS, THE SINKING OF WELLS, BUILDING OF SCHOOLS, CLINICS, ETC. THERE WERE FIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST. FIRST A COMMISSION OF CADRE AND PARTY MEMBERS WILL BE CALLED IN ABIDJAN DURING JANUARY TO DETERMINE THE PRIORITY FOR SPENDING THE TWO BILLION CFA (\$8 MILLION) SLATED FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS DURING 1975 AND 1976. SECOND, THE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED THAT A SUGAR COMPLEX WOULD BE BUILT AT BOROTOU, NO TIME FRAME MENTIONED. HE STRESSED THE FACT THAT THIS COMPLEX WOULD PROVIDE JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE YOUTH OF THE AREA AND ASSIST IN CUTTING DOWN ON THE RURAL EXODUS. THIRD, THREE NEW SOUS-PREFECTURES WERE ANNOUNCED: GUINTELA, BOKO AND KONAN. FOURTH, THE FOUNDING AND CONSTRUCTION OF A LYCEE IS TO TAKE PLACE IN TOUBA. LASTLY, SODEPRA, A STATE-OWNED CORPORATION, WILL LAUNCH A PROGRAM OF BEEF PRODUCTION IN THE AREA.

3. AMONG OTHER SLOGANS, 1975 IS TO BE THE YEAR OF WOMEN AND A PAN-AFRICAN CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IS PLANNED FOR MAY 1975 IN ABIDJAN. DURING HIS TRIP TO THE SOUS-PREFECTURE OF BOROTOU, THE PRESIDENT'S GREETING COMMITTEE WAS LED BY MILE MARIE-THERESE SANGARET; SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNIVERSITY AND SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ASSOCIATION OF YOUNG IVORIAN WOMEN. MILE SANGARET MADE THE KEYNOTE ADDRESS, WHICH WAS PRINTED AS USUAL IN ITS ENTIRETY BY FRATERNITE-MATIN. THIS HONOR IS USUALLY ONLY AFFORDED THE SOUS-PREFECTURE'S MOST SUCCESSFUL SON, AND IS THE FIRST TIME IT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO A WOMAN. THE SPEECH OUTLINED THE COMPLAINTS OF THE PEOPLE AND REQUESTS FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC PROJECTS, AND DID NOT VARY GREATLY FROM OTHERS GIVEN ON SIMILAR TRIPS.

4. COMMENT: THE PRESIDENT RETURNED TO YAMOOUSSOUKRO UNDOUBTEDLY TIRED AND PLEASED WITH THE RESULTS OF HIS TRIP. HE HAD PROMISED DURING DIALOGUE 1974 THAT MORE THAN SEVEN TRIPS WOULD BE TAKEN.

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WHILE IT HAS NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED, MORE TRIPS WILL TAKE PLACE DURING 1975, AS ONLY THREE WERE TAKEN IN 1974. IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT DURING THIS VISIT, THE PRESIDENT CONFERRED ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS WITH OTHER MINISTERS ON THE MALI-UPPER VOLTAN BORDER DISPUTE AND HAD RECEIVED THE SOUTH VIETNAM FOREIGN MINISTER, WHO FLEW UP FROM ABIDJAN, IN ADDITION TO THE VERY BUSY SCHEDULE. THE PRESIDENT APPEARED WELL AND VIGOROUS THROUGHOUT THE VISIT, THUS DEMONSTRATING HIS PHYSICAL AS WELL AS MENTAL FITNESS TO

FULFILL ANOTHER FIVE-YEAR PRESIDENTIAL TERM.  
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